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SUBJECT: US POLICY IN HORN OF AFRICA

1. I FEEL THAT THIS EMBASSY IS BEING INADEQUATELY INFORMED
OF STATUS OF US AND ALLIED POLICY DELIBERATIONS ON HORN OF AFRICA.
WE WERE TOLD BY OUR BRITISH COLLEAGUES LAST WEEK OF A FOUR POWER
CONFERENCE ON HORN BEING HELD IN LONDON. TODAY'S NAIROBI "STANDARD"
HEADLINES "BIG POWERS REBUFF SOMALIA." TO DATE WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED
AS SINGLE COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT REGARDING THE LONDON
MEETING OR ANY SPECIFIC POLICY DELIBERATIONS OR DECISIONS ON THE
HORN.

2. THIS IS NOT AN ACADEMIC MATTER IN KENYA, WHERE THE GOVERNMENT
TO WHICH I AM ACCREDITED IS IMMEDIATELY CONCERNED BY DEVELOPMENTS
IN THE HORN. WE ACCOMPANIED CODEL PRICE TO MEETING WITH THE DEFENSE
AND FOREIGN MINISTERS THIS MORNING IN TOTAL IGNORANCE OF WHAT POLICIES

MAY HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY OUR OWN GOVERNMENT.

3. I THINK THIS IS AN UNSATISFACTORY WAY IN WHICH TO CONDUCT OUR
RELATIONS HERE AND HOPE THAT COMMUNICATIONS DEFICIENCIES WILL BE
CORRECTED.

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